

House File 2380

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1 Amend House File 2380 as follows:

2 1. Page 12, after line 1 by inserting:

3 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 256.27 Iowa learning
4 online initiative.

5 1. An Iowa learning online initiative is
6 established within the department of education to
7 partner with school districts and accredited nonpublic
8 schools to provide distance education to high school
9 students statewide. The department shall utilize
10 a variety of content repositories, including those
11 maintained by the area education agencies and the
12 public broadcasting division, in administering the
13 initiative.

14 2. Coursework offered under the initiative shall
15 meet the requirements of section 256.7, subsections
16 7, 8, and 9, and shall be taught by an appropriately
17 licensed teacher who has completed an online-learning
18 -for-Iowa-educators-professional-development project
19 offered by area education agencies, a teacher
20 preservice program, or comparable coursework.

21 3. Under the initiative, students must be enrolled
22 in a participating school district or school, which
23 is responsible for recording grades received for
24 initiative coursework in a student's permanent record,
25 awarding high school credit for initiative coursework,
26 and issuing high school diplomas to students enrolled
27 in the district or school who participate and complete
28 coursework under the initiative. Each participating
29 school district or school shall identify a site
30 coordinator to serve as a student advocate and as a
31 liaison between the initiative staff and teachers and
32 the school district or school.

33 4. Coursework offered under the initiative shall
34 be rigorous and high quality, and the department
35 shall annually evaluate the quality of the courses,
36 ensure that coursework is aligned with the state's
37 core curriculum and core content requirements and
38 standards, as well as national standards of quality for
39 online courses issued by an internationally recognized
40 association for kindergarten through grade twelve
41 online learning.

42 5. The department may waive any requirement that a
43 subject being studied under the initiative by a student
44 enrolled in a school district or school participating
45 in the initiative be a subject that is offered and
46 taught by the professional staff of the participating
47 school district or school.>

48 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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